


<p style="text-align: center;">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	Application Number	09/870,376
	Filing Date	May 30, 2001
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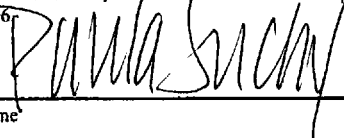
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled **EXTENDABLE/RETRACTABLE LEAD HAVING DOWNSIZED LEAD BODY**.
Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

1. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on July 10, 2006.
2. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
3. ☐ Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 (pages) is enclosed.
4. ☐ New power of attorney (pages) is enclosed.
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed (pages), with:
 - a. Form 1449 (pages)
 - b. Copies of IDS Citations ()
6. ☒ Please charge Deposit Account 19-0743 in the amount of \$790.00 to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
7. ☒ **The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.**
8. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application (1 pg.) is enclosed along with authorization to charge Deposit Account 19-0743 in the amount of \$120.00 to pay the extension fee.

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being filed using the USPTO's electronic filing system EFS-Web, and is addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 7 day of August, 2006.


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